

# STATE OF WEST VIRGINIA

## EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

**At Charleston**

### A PROCLAMATION

**By the Governor**

**WHEREAS**, Michael Dale “Mikey” Garrett, a resident of Clarksburg, Harrison County, West Virginia, was born in Clarksburg on the seventh day of October, Nineteen Hundred Eighty-Five, the son of Dale Allen Garrett and Faith Marie Lake Garrett; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Garrett attended the public schools of Harrison County; attended South Harrison High School, Lost Creek, West Virginia, and received his diploma in Two Thousand Three; attended Alderson-Broaddus College, Philippi, West Virginia; and expected to receive an Associate Degree in Emergency Services from Fairmont State University, Fairmont, West Virginia, in May of Two Thousand Fourteen; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Garrett began preparing for his career in emergency services by attending the Junior Emergency Medical Services Camp in Harrison County at the age of fifteen, at age sixteen serving as a junior firefighter at Nutter Fort Fire Department, Nutter Fort, West Virginia, and continued his educational pursuits and intense training to become a First Responder, an EMT-B and an EMT-1; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Garrett was most recently serving as an Instructor for Regional Education Services Agency 7 at West Virginia University, while employed as an emergency medical technician at both Grant Town Emergency Medical Services, Grant Town, West Virginia, and Upshur County Emergency Medical Services, Buckhannon, West Virginia, and as a Firefighter/EMT-1 at Nutter Fort Fire Department in Nutter Fort, Harrison County, West Virginia; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Garrett, a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Clarksburg, West Virginia, dedicated his life to helping others, serving in many capacities at the Nutter Fort Fire Department, assisting emergency medical service and fire departments in surrounding counties and states, and he was loved by many and respected throughout the communities he served for his commitment to the important work he performed; and

**WHEREAS**, on the first day of February, Two Thousand Fourteen, the Nutter Fort Fire Department responded to an incident involving a cell phone tower collapse on Murphy's Run in Summit Park, West Virginia, and while rescuing a victim, Michael Garrett was severely injured by the collapse of a second cell phone tower, and later succumbed to his injuries; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael Dale Garrett was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Lelearn Dale Garrett and Sara Catherine Swiger Garrett, and is survived by his father, Dale Allen Garrett; his mother, Faith Marie Lake Garrett; his brother, Justin Michael Brady (Ashley); his sister, Julie Ann Freeman (companion John Carder); his sister, Anna Marie Roberts (companion Daniel Hebb); his sister, Katie Elizabeth Garrett (fiancé Chad Gorman); his maternal grandfather, Joe Scardina; his maternal grandmother, Nancy Casto Scardina; beloved nieces and nephews: Jason Brady, Christian Davis, Morgan Davis, Madison Brady, Ethan Brady, Skyler Brady, Kaden Brady, Seth Garrett, Emma Roberts, and Chase Roberts; his uncle, Sam Scardina (Pam); his uncle, Tony Scardina (companion Tara Kester); and extended family; and is also survived by his best friend, Aaron Cutright; his friends and co-workers at the Nutter Fort Fire Department; and many friends and citizens in the community who knew and loved him; and

**WHEREAS**, the selflessness and bravery of Michael Dale Garrett in the face of extreme personal danger and his supreme sacrifice for his community brings honor to his family, his fellow firefighters, his many friends, the citizens of Harrison County, and the entire State of West Virginia; and



**WHEREAS**, all West Virginians mourn the tragic loss of this brave firefighter who gave his life while trying to save the lives of others and who was committed to protecting his fellow man and serving the common good.

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, EARL RAY TOMBLIN**, by virtue of the authority vested in me as the Governor of the State of West Virginia, do hereby **ORDER** that all State flags displayed on the Capitol Complex grounds in Charleston, and all State flags displayed at all State facilities in Harrison County, West Virginia, be displayed at half-staff from dawn to dusk on Saturday, the eighth day of February, Two Thousand Fourteen, the day of services for this courageous and heroic fireman, Michael Dale Garrett.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of West Virginia to be affixed.



**DONE** at the Capitol, in the City of Charleston, State of West Virginia, this sixth day of February, in the year of our Lord, Two Thousand Fourteen, and in the One Hundred Fifty-First year of the State.

*Earl Ray Tomblin*

**GOVERNOR**

By the Governor

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**SECRETARY OF STATE**